

FIGHT FOR A FLIRT

Two Albs Men Have Thirty Bloody Rounds

AND A DRAW WAS DECLARED

While the Woman in Question Graces the Ring Side With Her Presence, an Interested Spectator.

ALBA, Dec. 5.—The days of chivalry in this town have been revived and Saturday night two young men battled for the affections of a young woman, and it was a case of the Queen of Beauty and Love was an interested spectator and occupied a reserved seat near the ropes.

A few weeks ago the young woman in question came here to visit friends. She was pretty, decidedly so and accepted the attentions of her admirers suitably. Her admirers, a young man named Henry, and a young man named Henry, were both of them, but with departing wealth. Each was convinced that he had succeeded in winning the young woman's affections. Like a torn shirt she accepted the attentions of both. A coldness was noticeable between the men, and on Saturday night it veered to a fever heat.

The tip was given that the men had decided to settle the question in a finish fight with bare fists. A ring was pitched in a convenient barn, and by 9 o'clock, when the principals came through the ropes, fully 100 persons were at the ring side. The couple occupied a most prominent seat near the ropes, and settled back in her seat as though she intended to enjoy the match. Both men stripped well and what Parish lacked in skill he made up in shiftness. It was fight when blood, or rather love, from the start, Parish scoring first blood, laying Beers' left eye open with a left-handed jab. In the next round Beers evaded the matter up by knocking Parish through the ropes with a wicked upper cut.

The young woman seemed to enjoy the fight and at different stages of the fight asked questions regarding the style of blows. When either man seemed groggy, a smile and well directed glance from her eyes made him fresh. For thirty fierce bloody rounds the young woman's eyes watched the men, and she was too weak to respond to the call of time in the thirty-first round, the fight was declared a draw.

Since the battle the young woman has changed her mind, if she ever had any, and announces that her husband must be able to knock a man out in less than thirty rounds.

The affair has created intense excitement here.

OVERLOOKED A REV.

Saw Blowers at Tecumseh Get Very Little Cash.

TECUMSEH, Dec. 5.—The Hayden flouring mill has not been running since the closing of the O. P. Bill & Co. bank. Mr. Hayden having \$3,000 looked up in the embargoed institution. Residents in the vicinity of the mill say they heard a muffled explosion about 1 o'clock this morning, and when the head miller opened up at the usual time today he found that the safe had been blown open, the floor lying in or under the feet of the miller. A secured \$100 in cash, but missed \$200 which was in a box in the lower part of the safe.

The residence of D. L. Whittenack, a well-known hardware dealer, was also entered between 7 and 8 o'clock Sunday night, and the goods of a woman named Mrs. W. were stolen. A valuable gold watch was also reported from the country surrounding Tecumseh, a neighboring postoffice being entered Saturday night.

Fire at Owosso.

OWOSSO, Dec. 5.—The business portion of Owosso was threatened with destruction early yesterday morning. During the absence of K. H. Webb and family a fire broke out in their rooms over the meat market in the George Thomas block. The flames had gained considerable headway before any water could be thrown and had spread to several adjoining stores in the same block. The greatest loss will fall on George Thomas, owner of the building. All of Mr. Webb's goods were a total loss. His market was also damaged considerably. The telephone exchange was flooded with water. The goods of Gates Bros., M. A. Sprague and H. W. Mann were somewhat damaged.

She Fired the House.

SARASOT, Dec. 5.—There has been trouble in George Topp's family and he and his wife divided up. He was getting ready to move upon a farm he had bought, but last Thursday morning the house was burned. On investigation the tracks of a woman were found to lead from Mrs. Topp's house to the burned dwelling and back again to her home. She has been arrested and taken to Ionia to answer to the charge of incendiarism.

Convict Attempts Suicide.

JACKSON, Dec. 5.—Frank Stanton, five years from Mecosta county for stealing, has been rather unfortunate all his life and is considered by officials to be rather weak minded. He had no papers or books to read and long hours were spent in his cell brooding, till at last he determined to end his existence. Accordingly he made a rope from his bedding and swung himself from the cell door, but was discovered by a guard in time to save his life.

Local Option Expensive.

MARCELLUS, Dec. 5.—George Rix, the Lawson hotel keeper, who was arrested for violating the Van Buren county local option law and acquitted, has made the citizens of that county realize that local option is rather expensive, this one not having cost the county nearly \$1,500.

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Died in His Chair.

LANSING, Dec. 5.—A. W. Caldwell, grandfather of State Accountant George C. Caldwell, passed away while sitting in his chair at the home of his

son, Charles M. Caldwell, in this city. Apoplexy was the cause of death. He had lived in Michigan forty-three years, his age being 73. The funeral will be held here tomorrow, the remains being taken to Greenville, from which place the deceased recently removed to this city.

Mistook the House.

LANSING, Dec. 5.—At 8 o'clock last night Charles Puffer, a man about 35 years old, who was recently discharged from an insane asylum at Traverse City, and who came to Lansing from St. Johns to find work, went to what he supposed was a house of ill fame on Cherry street, on being indignantly rejected he pulled out a revolver and fired four shots in the street. No one was injured. Puffer is now behind the bars awaiting arraignment.

Object to Poker.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 5.—The police are making war on the gambling rooms again, several having been running under the guard of spies. Last night, Assistant Marshal Huntly and assistants surrounded Ben Hackley's barber shop and broke up a game of poker, where S. Fisher, Dean Hill, Ben Bolden and William Wilson, colored, were playing. Hackley, who was playing, was fined and the game was broken up. They will be prosecuted.

Makes a Queer Claim.

MR. CLEMENS, Dec. 5.—About a year ago Alvarado Glaspie purchased a farm in Richmond, Macomb county, of Abram Cooley. Before vacating the premises Cooley murdered his wife and afterwards killed himself. Glaspie now asserts that the tragedy depreciated the value of the property to the amount of \$400, and brings in claims against the Cooley estate for that sum.

Shot in the Neck.

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—J. E. Cohen, a pawnbroker, was showing a customer a revolver today, when the firearm was accidentally discharged and Charles Margrof, a clerk, was probably fatally wounded. Margrof is 15 years old. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital. The bullet entered his neck near the base of the brain, and the wound is considered dangerous by the physicians.

Another Victim Dead.

JACKSON, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Walter Bullinger died last night from the effects of the burns from gas she received last Tuesday. Mrs. Bullinger is the aunt of John Brennan, who died the next day after the accident. Mrs. Bullinger's 16-month-old babe is liable to die any hour from the burns.

Jumped His Bail.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 5.—Guy Bowne, who was arrested in Denver on the charge of burglarizing Cash Bradish's store of Augusta last May, has jumped his bail of \$1,000 to appear in the circuit court. A. J. Bowne of Grand Rapids and P. H. Gilkey of Richmond are his bondsmen.

Kalamazoo Tabbies Disappointed.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 5.—The divorce case of Mrs. Joseph Israel against her husband was called in the circuit court today. Highly sensational developments were expected, but the case went over to the next term.

Fell Off a Rail.

SAGINAW, Dec. 5.—Andrew Skimmer, aged 35 years, an employee of the Saginaw Lumber and Saw company, was drowned opposite Crow Island through falling into the river off a raft. He leaves a wife and family at Carrollton.

Did Whiskey Kill Him?

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 5.—Frank McCarthy, who lives near Kendall, on the South Haven road, got drunk on prohibition whiskey here and was piled into his car, where he died instantly.

Fell on a Saw.

ALPENA, Dec. 5.—George Prince, employed in Pack's mill fell upon a slab saw this morning and was terribly mangled. He has but little chance for recovery.

ARGUMENTS BEGUN.

The Smith Heresy Trial Draws Slowly to a Close.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5.—At the morning session of the Cincinnati presbytery, Prof. Smith asked leave to put in evidence, his response and rejoinder to the charges against him. Dr. Low said that any part of Prof. Smith's response in rejoinder which tend to refute the charges against him would be properly offered. The prosecution did not consider the question important enough to press it. They were willing, he said, to withdraw the matter. A motion in accordance with the decree of Prof. Smith, was decided by the majority to be out of order. The chair was sustained and a recess taken until 1:30 p. m.

At the afternoon session the presbytery took up the second and third charges and decided to try them to-morrow. The clerk read extracts from Prof. Smith's pamphlet on "Biblical Scholarship and Inspiration," and the citations of the prosecution. The reading occupied about an hour, and at its conclusion the moderator announced that the testimony was closed and that arguments would begin. Elder D. H. Fields of the prosecution then proceeded with the opening argument.

RABBI IN CONFERENCE.

There May Be a Change in the Hebrew Ritual.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A meeting of the central conference of American rabbis was held in the Jewish synagogue in this city this morning. About thirty rabbis were present. Rabbi I. M. Wise of Cincinnati, president. The first matter discussed was the participation in the religious congress to be held in Chicago next September, in connection with the world's fair. It was decided to invite leading rabbis to present papers at this congress of Judaism and the union of American Hebrew congregations was invited to co-operate with the legislative committee.

The report of the ritual committee was considered. It contains services for week days and Sabbath morning. Also for the festivals of the Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. There was also appended services for funerals for the house of mourning, for the Passover seder and for marriages. The second part of the report, when complete, will contain services for New Year's day and the day of Atonement. The first part of the report was adopted at the New York conference. Before taking final action the meeting took a recess.

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The Postmaster General in His Annual Report

ADVOCATES PENNY POSTAGE

The Districting of the Office, and Pneumatic Tubes—Other Changes Which Might Be Beneficial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Postmaster General Wainwright summarizes the results achieved by his department as follows: Five million dollars added to the gross revenue, the deficit reduced nearly a million, money order office increased two thirds, or from 10,070 to 16,889, 37 cities supplied with free delivery, 27 new offices established, 263 offices advanced to the presidential grade, 161 millions of miles of additional service, 1,590 new mail routes established, embracing 8,500 miles of new service, ocean mail service extended and pneumatic tubes service introduced.

Of his proposition to divide the country into postal districts, Mr. Wainwright says its adoption can only be a question of time. Each district would be put in charge of a postmaster or director and the regular inspectors of the department should assist these supervisors, as they might be needed. Then a detail of matters relating to the establishment of stations, appointments and removals; the best utilization of changes in rules; the putting on and taking off of service; the right interpretation of regulations; irregularities and in general the whole business conducted by the service would be supervised personally by the district supervisors, with the assistance of the regular inspectors, all of the postmasters in the district who would feel, as never before, their efforts on behalf of adequate facilities and economical and enterprising engagements would find appreciation.

Advocate Pneumatic Tubes.

New buildings and a pneumatic electrical service of some kind is strenuously advocated for New York, Chicago and other large cities and it is pointed out that there can be no adequate relief without the application of these methods. The postal telegraph and postal telephone are of some strenuously advocated as formerly.

On the one-cent postage question he says: "The present letter rate pays actually more than the cost of delivery to the department to cover the under payment from doing an express business, periodicals and books and carrying advertising sheets at one cent per pound. All such mail is not only carried at a loss of six cents a pound, but it interferes materially with the business of express and railroad companies, which are properly carriers of heavy packages and freight. Something to take the place of fractional currency for the remittance of small sums is very desirable. It urges the adoption of a money postal card of denominations of one cent, twenty-five cents, fifty cents and \$1 and of the form of the present small card, and exactly similar to the ordinary postal card on the address side and on the reverse side an order on the postmaster of the city addressed for a fixed sum payable on the signature of the payee named in the address.

Districts and One Cent Postage.

The report closes as follows: "My idea for the American postal service is a system modeled upon a district plan, with fewer offices, and those grouped around central offices and under thorough supervision. By this means at least twenty thousand offices could be abandoned that produce nothing to the department. In the place of every abandoned non-money order and non-registry office might be put an automatic stamp selling machine and a letter box to receive mail. With the money saved should be instituted a system of collection and delivery by mounted carriers, bicycle and star route and messenger contractors to gradually spread the free delivery all over the country.

"The classes of postage should be reduced to three and the rate of postage the world over to one cent for each half ounce. I would indemnify to the extent of \$10 for every registered letter. The organization of the department should be permanent except in the case of the postmaster general and fourth assistant, who I would add three new officers, a deputy postmaster general to be stationed in New York, a deputy postmaster general to be stationed in San Francisco, and a comptroller to be stationed in the department in Washington.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

This Seems to Be the Principal Business of the Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Members of congress are discussing the probability of legislation at this session aside from the appropriation bills. Inquiry among them revealed a general impression confirming the statement made by the National Association of Postmasters last night that but little general legislation would be accomplished.

Senator Cockrell of Missouri, the head of the minority of the committee on appropriations, said: "I don't look for the passing of any important bills except the appropriation bills. Determination of the matter, however, rests with those on the other side, but I understand that is the general feeling among the majority."

Senator Hale of Maine who, in the absence of Senator Allison, will be in charge of the bill, said: "I would add three new officers, a deputy postmaster general to be stationed in New York, a deputy postmaster general to be stationed in San Francisco, and a comptroller to be stationed in the department in Washington."

Fall of an Insurance Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—William F. Gorell, who was for eighteen years one of the general soliciting agents of the Home Insurance company for the state of Illinois, and a well known insurance circles, has been indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy and forgery. He was discharged from the employ of the company on June 27 last on suspicion. He was arrested today.

Shut Off the Gas.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.—The Salomon National Gas company of this city, today ordered the gas shut off from all manufacturing establishments. The company claims that the supply of gas is falling and that oil has appeared in the field from which it gets its supply, which is in the Jay county field, forty-five miles south of this place.

the probability of new state bills, replied: "I know no more than anyone else about it. I was against the admission bill that passed the senate last session. This measure is now on the speaker's table and he intends to close it up as soon as an opportunity is offered."

Representative Cogswell of Massachusetts said he did not think any measure of great importance would become law during this session of congress. He looks for the appropriation bills to occupy most of the time of business branches.

Representative Stump of Maryland said he could not forecast the chances of measures outside of the appropriation bills. He means to push the immigration bill that passed the senate last session. This measure is now on the speaker's table and he intends to close it up as soon as an opportunity is offered.

SENATE INFORMATION.

Dockery May Develop Into a Second Watch Dog Ho'nan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Dockery of Missouri, introduced in the house today a joint resolution providing for opening the world's fair on Sunday. The resolution repeats section four of the act of congress approved last April and makes it the duty of the World's Columbian exposition to make such rules or modifications of the rules of the exposition known as the World's Columbian exposition, so will prohibit the use on Sundays of machinery, unnecessary manual labor and all merchandising; that the art gallery, horticultural building and all other buildings in which exhibits of mechanical appliances are installed shall be thrown open to the public on each and every day during the entire term of the exposition, and that each employee of the exposition shall be given one day's rest in each week. A preamble to the resolution cites the advantages to be derived in opening the exposition on Sundays to the public and for the benefit of the people, this nation and all foreign nations that participate in it.

ALIEN LABOR.

Chipman Presents a Sweeping Measure Against It Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Judge Chipman presented one of the first bills of the new session. It is a sweeping measure, aimed against all alien labor, and is in the following terms: "No alien who is a non-resident of the United States shall work at any mechanical trade, in any manner, labor within the border thereof. Any contract to employ said alien in said trade or labor shall be void, and any alien who engages in trade shall be liable to a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for ninety days, at the discretion of the court before whom he may be convicted. Judge Chipman introduces the bill in response to a sentiment among the labor ranks of Detroit. It is aimed particularly against Canadians. It is the most extreme measure in this line ever submitted to congress.

That Raum Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Chairman Wheeler of the Raum investigation committee could not say positively today what movement would be taken to revive the Raum matter, as Representative Charles F. Smith was his principal promoter of the investigation, had not reached the city, and one or two members of the committee are still absent. The report of last session, he said, could only be taken up again by a special rule, and after consultation with members of his committee, it likely that the deficiency there would be conferred with that end. In regard to the statement that he was an applicant for the commissionership of pensions, Mr. Wheeler said it was all newspaper talk, and he had expressed no desire in the matter.

All Depends on the Cash.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Bankhead, chairman of the house committee on public buildings and grounds, when asked today about the policy to be pursued in the committee on public buildings, said that the committee would wait until the president's message shall have been received and see how much money remains in the treasury. If there proves to be a surplus to justify it, appropriations would be made for buildings where they are most needed, but the financial condition shows the deficiency there would be no appropriations for new buildings. Mr. Bankhead added that it was quite likely that in any event the appropriations for buildings would be held close.

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William Crawford Tried to Ravish a Little Girl

AND JUST ESCAPES LYING

At the Hands of an Angry Mob—The Brute Fought Like a Demon to Save His Life.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—William Crawford came very near having his neck stretched at the hands of a mob at Thirteenth street and Cass avenue yesterday afternoon. A 10-year-old girl named Annie Cox alleged in the presence of half a dozen people that Crawford had enticed her into a shed and had attempted to assault her. In a few moments an angry crowd surrounded Crawford and there were loud cries of "Hang the scoundrel!" "Pull him up while we have the chance." From neighboring grocery a rope was procured, and half a dozen stalwart men seized Crawford and attempted to put the rope about his neck. Crawford is a small man, but a giant in strength. After a fierce struggle he battled his way through the mob and made for his home, where he barricaded himself until officers arrived. The officers did not arrest Crawford, because they believe Annie Cox is weak minded and her story not to be relied on. Crawford is under \$19,000 bonds on the charge of having killed a man named Melampark two years ago, he having been convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary and the case being appealed to the supreme court.

FRANCE IN A FERMET.

Carnot in His Quinary Sends for Tirard to Make a Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—President Carnot is said to be in a quandary and all kinds of rumors are afloat, while the public ferment and uneasiness is increasing at a rate that seems to involve some danger of disorder. From Brussels comes the news that President Carnot has telegraphed to ex-Finance Minister Tirard, now a French delegate to the international monetary conference, to come home and form a ministry. M. Tirard is one of the strongest men in France. In February, 1881, M. Tirard was elected to the national assembly as representative of the Seine, by a majority of 75,207 in a total vote of 328,776. In the existing scenes which followed M. Tirard took a prominent but conservative part. Elected a member of the commune he protested against the revolutionary and anarchical course of the central committee, and was marked for a victim by the terrorists.

M. Loubet, the former prime minister, had a long interview with President Carnot this morning and consented to accept a portfolio of a cabinet if formed by M. Deville. It was announced this afternoon that both M. Deville and M. Loubet have refused to undertake the duty of forming a cabinet. It is expected the president will be obliged to again summon M. Brisson or M. Ribot to attempt the task. It is possible that in the end the radicals may be called upon to form a cabinet.

SKIPPED OUT.

County Clerk Falsifies Election Returns and Flees for His Life.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 5.—W. H. Hussey, the Haskell county clerk who certified incorrect election returns in order to defeat a Republican democrat, for the legislature, has left for parts unknown and an indignation meeting has been organized, which threatens him if he ever returns. Hussey skipped out last Thursday when the result of the legislative counts were first announced, leaving his office in charge of a deputy. He is expected to placate the angry mob of democrats and populists, overhauled the election returns and swore to a revised statement, which was brought to Topeka today and filed with the secretary of state by Rosenthal. Public sentiment in Haskell county has been aroused, and the chairman and secretary of the republican central committee have prepared an address to the public throwing all the blame on Clerk Hussey. Benthall, in an interview here today, said that Hussey was his personal enemy and that he did not believe the state central committee was responsible. He has prepared a circular which he will address to every member of the legislature reciting the facts in the case and asking that he be seated.

REMEMBERED ELIJAH.

German Immigrants Expect to Travel a Thousand Miles Without Food.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Among the steerage passengers on the Scandia, which arrived Saturday from Hamburg, was Joachim Wiggmann, a stalwart German, his wife and ten children. They were going to Detroit, to live with a married daughter. Registrar Silberstein found that the family were without food or a cent of money. They were provided with railroad tickets, however, and intended starting on their long journey west and trust to luck to get something to eat. Wiggmann said that when he sold his farm he had left but \$3.50 after purchasing the tickets for himself and family. "This would have been enough to see us safely through," he said, "had we not been detained for three days in Hamburg before sailing, and of course the money had to be spent for food." When he was informed that he was yet over a thousand miles from his destination he looked surprised and then added in German: "Well, at any I don't think we could starve to the end of our journey."

All is Serene.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Superintendent Peck of the Big Four line and a committee of fifty, representing the 670 telegraph operators of the system, began a conference today on the new schedule of wages presented by the operators three weeks ago. Mr. Peck presented a revision of the schedule representing the company's desire, which granted some of the advances and declined others.

Embezzler Brought Back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Detective Bowman of Chicago arrived on the Auraria last night from Liverpool having in charge Embezzler Kerr of Kansas City. Kerr was arrested in Europe on the charge of embezzling from the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage and Trust company of Kansas City.

Disobeyed Orders.

SCOTTSDALE, Pa., Dec. 5.—The Young express was wrecked at Pennsylvania this afternoon by a collision with freight train No. 10. The freight was ordered to sidetrack at Pennsylvania, but disobeyed orders. The engines of both trains jumped the track. Conductor A. J. Piccirilli was in the smoker and was thrown against a seat, sustaining serious injury to his back. A number of passengers were injured by flying timbers. The baggage car and engine of the express were completely wrecked.

Four Carpenters Killed.

DENVER, Dec. 5.—A freight train on the Burlington road, loaded with lumber, was derailed from the track this evening and a collision took place between the two parts, causing a wreck and killing four bridge carpenters.

warding the case at the time of the trial, never expecting to be called upon to act in a judicial capacity in the matter. This fact, however, would not influence his action at the present time. If objection was made, however, he would not sit in the case. Both sides announced that they had no objection and arguments were begun. Judge Thurman opened for Graves, followed by Mr. Stevens for the state. Arguments will be concluded tomorrow and a decision rendered during the week.

WAS HE LEGALLY DEAD?

Curious Complications in the Case of the Wife Murderer.

FARRHOLD, N. J., Dec. 5.—Renewed interest in the case of the medical student, Carlyle W. Harris, whose appeal from conviction and sentence to death for the murder of his wife is being argued at Albany today, has been aroused over remarkable developments in the case here. Harris' New Jersey lawyers are attempting to show that in the eyes of the law Harris has been dead for some months. In 1891 Harris opened at Asbury park, under the name of the Neptune club, a swimming den in the sand dunes on the coast. This was raided and Harris and two of the men under him were arrested. Harris deposited \$5,000 as security and went to New York, and was there convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to death. When the case was called in the court here Harris did not appear, as he was a convicted prisoner awaiting death. His lawyers explained the case, but the judge declared the bond forfeited. The lawyers have taken the case to the supreme court and it will be heard next February. The argument that as Harris was under sentence of death for a higher crime at the time his bonds were declared forfeited in the eyes of the law he was practically and to all intents and purposes dead. If a man is dead his bondsman cannot be held responsible, and the bond must be released. Another point that is raised is that the lesser crime was merged into the greater one, and that as Harris was held in custody in another state for murder his failure to appear in this state when his case was called was not his fault.

PREPARING FOR THE AX.

The Gentleman from Missouri Acts as an Assistant to Adlai.

CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Mr. Dockery of Missouri introduced in the house the following resolution: That a committee consisting of five members elect to the house of representatives of the fifty-third congress, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives of the fifty-second congress, shall, prior to the first Monday of the September session, inquire and examine the methods of business and weak points in the active departments of the government, the time and attention devoted to the operations thereof by the persons employed therein, and the degree of efficiency of all persons employed in the executive department in the number of compensations of the persons authorized to be employed in executive departments can be made without injury to the public service.

EMULATING CHICAGO.

St. Louis Highwaymen Hold Up an Electric Car.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—Two amateur highwaymen undertook to hold up a street car on the California avenue electric line tonight about 6 o'clock. They boarded the car as it approached Osage street, they covered the conductor with revolvers and told him to stop the car. He refused and a tussle ensued during which time one of the desperadoes fired at the conductor point blank, breaking his collar bone. The conductor staggered and fell off the rear platform, being narrowly missed by a second bullet sent after him. The two young men disappeared in the darkness.

BRIGGS ON THE STAND.

The Presbyterian Divine Replies to the Charges of Heresy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Briggs made his reply this afternoon. He offered as evidence for the defense the Hebrew text of the old testament and the Septuagint version of the new testament, the St. James' version of the old and new testament and the revised version. He also offered extracts from several chapters of the confession of faith, adopted by the Presbytery, and two questions and answers from the catechism and asked the rule of discipline. He also submitted a copy of the third edition of Dr. Robinson's authority of holy scripture.

Wants a Go at Billy Myers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Alf Kennedy has been notified that the Olympic club of New Orleans will give a purse of \$5,000 for a fight with Dick Burke, the champion light-weight of England, and Billy Myers. Kennedy says he does not know whether he will accept or not. He hardly thinks the purse large enough and will try to have it increased. But before he will take the weight which Burke will fight and other conditions of the match.

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